

WIRTSCHAFTER WON'T TELL YET

Dismissed Patrolman Not Ready to "Squeal" in 5th Ward Case

WILL START LIFE ANEW

Declares He's Through for Good With Police and Political Squabbles

No attempt at reprisal against those he asserts were responsible for his dismissal from the police force will be made at this time by John Wirtschaffer, former patrolman, who threatened to tell all he knew about the Fifth Ward conspiracy case.

"I'm through with the police force and through with politics," he said today, "and I wouldn't get mixed up with either again if I had the chance. I don't even think I'll ever vote again. I'm so determined to keep out of political squabbles."

"I want work now. I have a wife and five kids and they must be supported. From now on I start my life anew—and differently."

Harry M. Berkowitz, attorney for Wirtschaffer, says that in an effort to get the dismissed patrolman a job, Wirtschaffer was dismissed from the police force yesterday following extortion charges against him.

He was one of the policemen convicted at West Chester on the Fifth Ward conspiracy charges occurring during the year of one year in jail and \$400 fine for his share in the Fifth Ward outrages. With the six other convicted men, he has appeared to the Superior Court.

Had Been Kept on Force Wirtschaffer was not dismissed from the police force by Director Wilson when convicted at West Chester. But when Sydney Pugh, a negro, asserted Wirtschaffer and John Stevenson, another patrolman, likewise dismissed, were "shaking him down" for \$50, Wirtschaffer was ordered before the police trial board.

Although Pugh failed to appear at two hearings, the board recommended the dismissal of Wirtschaffer and Stevenson for "conducting unbecoming affairs."

Now primed with what he calls "inside stuff" on the Fifth Ward scandal, Wirtschaffer demands that he and his family be taken care of.

Bitter at Senator Salus "Salus got me into the Fifth Ward mess," Wirtschaffer charged. "He has made all the trouble I had. Now, after I have gone through hell for him, he throws me over. But this is too much. He can't go this far. When it comes to where I can't make a decent honest living for my family I'll buck them."

"I haven't received my formal notice of dismissal yet. I don't know what I am going to do. I will tell you this, however: If those responsible for getting me into this mess don't do something for me at once I will have something to say."

Wirtschaffer said when he was up at City Hall for the police trial board hearing he received more "human feeling" from the men than from any one connected with the case.

"I am willing to work," Wirtschaffer continued, "but I can't get a job because they say I am a criminal. To see myself through the West Chester trial I panned everything but my watch and chain."

"I've been told to wait and think things over," he continued. "Think it over! That's it. Think it over! Think about all they have left me to do. Sam Salus got me into the Fifth Ward mess, and he got me into this. They promised me everything, and they gave me nothing. They've jammed me, they've crushed me, and they think they've got me smashed, but it won't go. They can't get away with that."

"I'm not defending myself. I'm not asking any sympathy or sentiment for anything I did. I'll take the blame and I'll stand the gaff for whatever I'm guilty of, but they've got to make good on their promises."

"If I go down, others will go with me. I'm in a corner and I'm ready to fight."

Accused of Taking Auto Paul Melton, of 1441 North Thirteenth street, was held under \$500 bail by Magistrate Meclary in the Central Police Station today, accused of driving the machine of Dr. Jay Schamberger, 1222 Spruce street, without the latter's consent. Doctor Schamberger testified that the machine was taken from a garage on Wilton street, in which Melton was employed, and badly damaged when Melton ran into a wagon.

SOUSA DECLARES MUSIC IS AID TO ARMY MORALE

Famous Composer and Band Leader Says It Soothes Minds of Service Men

Asserts Value of Harmony for Soldier and Sailor Can't Be Overestimated

MUSIC exerts a tremendous influence upon the morale of the men in the army and navy," said John Philip Sousa today, at the Ritz-Carlton hotel, commenting upon the value of musical activities among the men in the service.

Mr. Sousa has just been mustered out of the service, where he held the rank of lieutenant, as leader of the famous Great Lakes Naval Training Station Band. "Music has two effects upon people," continued Mr. Sousa. "It has a physical and a mental effect. It is the only sensual thing I know of, the overindulgence in which brings no bad results. It is different in this respect from all other things which appeal to the physical senses. No matter how much you indulge in music you are a better person for having done so."

Music is a soothing and comforting thing to the boys in the service. It brings thoughts of home to them, and of sentiment and makes them forget many of the things which would otherwise annoy and disturb them. Songs of sentiment and fun are just as influential as war songs.

Mental Effect of Music "Then there is the mental effect of music on the individual. There is the boy who will listen to it from a kind of critical viewpoint. He may have a little knowledge or appreciation of musical technique. Another boy will appreciate the harmony of a piece or its unique treatment, perhaps, but he will become disgusted with the whole thing if one of the instruments happens to strike a false note. He is just like the young man who calls a girl beautiful who has a perfect complexion, but if that girl had a little blemish on her face the same boy would say, 'Oh, I don't think she's good looking at all.'"

"It is often the same way with music. But the value of music in the army or navy simply cannot be overestimated. England regarded it as the fourth most vital thing in her whole scheme of property sustaining her army. Food, shelter and clothing alone were regarded as of more importance to the soldier."

"Its great value is in taking the men's minds off the more burdensome things of their army and field life. When the men are singing or listening to music they forget many of the things which otherwise might bother or discourage them. The things which ordinarily would worry them fade away into subconsciousness in the face of the new interest and different thoughts which the music arouses."

Music in Battle "Music in battle had its origin very far back. I think among the Saracens. Music was a powerful force among the Crusaders and the herald of the old days was held almost inviolate by the opposing forces. They were seldom killed. In this war a large number of musicians and bugler boys were killed.

"And how the boys who play in the bands or otherwise arouse their listeners. They create the most intense excitement and spirit at times. They make goose-flesh run up and down your back and nobody can make you or me feel goose-flesh unless he feels that way himself."

In speaking of his return to the leadership of his own band, Mr. Sousa said: "I will be glad to be back at the head of my old band. I will have no trouble in reorganizing it although eleven of my old members have left the service. I will begin my tour some time in June."

WOMAN'S PURSE SNATCHED Two Negroes Held Without Bail, Charged With Theft

Two negroes, said to have snatched a woman's pocketbook, at Eleventh and Spring Garden streets early this morning, were held without bail for court by Magistrate Meclary in Central police station. One of the men was captured after a chase of several squares in which several shots were fired. Washington and John Williams, both of Seventeenth and South streets.

Mrs. Harriet Hawkins, of Seventeenth street near Poplar, was walking along Spring Garden street shortly after 1 o'clock, when the negroes approached, one of whom snatched her hand bag. Her screams attracted Lieutenant Kunkel and Patrolman King, of the Tenth and Buttonwood streets station, who gave chase. The men separated, but King, who followed Williams, captured him after firing several shots. Washington was arrested later at his home.

HERO TALKS AT SING Colonel Millard D. Brown Speaks at Germantown Gathering

Colonel Millard D. Brown, who led the 10th Infantry at Chateau-Thierry, was the principal speaker at the victory singing and all-American rally staged by the East Germantown Improvement and Social Association at Ogontz and Chelten avenues last night.

Another speaker was Assistant District Attorney Elwood Rotan, who drove an ambulance in Italy for many months. The special feature of the evening, besides the speeches of Colonel Brown and Mr. Rotan, was the skit entitled "Fifteen Minutes with Washington," which was staged by fifteen children, under the direction of Mrs. Jane Paul. Josiah Shaw led the victory singing.

Director Webster Wants Ice and Dredging Fleet Crews Exempted Director of Wharves, Docks and Fisheries Webster today asked the Civil Service Commission to exempt the crews, captains and engineers of the city iceboat fleet and the city dredging plant from civil service requirements. Hearing was set for March 10.

The request, which is presented annually by the director, is made on the ground that it is difficult to obtain the necessary men to man the boats.

DEMANDS CAMDEN HEROES' RETURN

Mayor Ellis Angered at Treatment of New Jersey Soldiers

CALLS IT "SHAMEFUL"

Promises Appeal to Governor for Action by War Department



LIEUT. JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

Characterizing the treatment accorded New Jersey soldiers as "shameful and outrageous," Mayor Ellis, Camden, today asserted that he would take steps to force the War Department to recall the New Jersey men from France.

"Our boys in the Twenty-ninth National Guard Division and Seventy-eighth National Army Division," said the Mayor, "are languishing in a rest camp. They are not a part of the army of occupation, and now that the fighting is over they are eager to come home."

"Although southern and western men are either on the way across the ocean or listed for an early return, nothing has been done for the New Jersey boys. They don't know how to come home and nobody in Washington seems interested."

"I shall take up the matter with Governor Edge and urge him to get busy with the War Department. The boys made great sacrifices in France and measured up to the gigantic tasks assigned them. If their gallant work is completed they must be sent home. Mayor Ellis said that New Jersey furnished a greater number of troops in proportion to its population than any state in the Union and that it had suffered the greatest number of major casualties."

"The Twenty-ninth Division," added the Mayor, "lost more than 400 in killed. Camden County furnished the bulk of those men, for our old Third Regiment was virtually wiped out in the Sedan sector. I don't like to protest, but I feel that it is my duty to bring this matter to the attention of our people. Camden has expended \$20,000 on victory arches in honor of its heroic men and is waiting anxiously to receive them. We want to give them a reception that is fitting, but must have some definite word concerning the date of their arrival."

"Up to date we have kept silent and waited for the War Department to do something."

LOW-BROW CITY, SAYS BARNES Lecturer Asserts Composite Intellect That of 10-Year-Old Child

Professor Earl Barnes, who has been gathering in schools here for years, today asserted that the composite intellect of Philadelphia is that of a ten-year-old child normally developed. This fact was mentioned by Professor Barnes in a lecture at the Girls' Normal School, Thirteenth and Spring Garden streets, on "Helpful Aspects of the Kindergarten."

Professor Barnes drew his deductions from the results obtained by psychologists in determining the brain power of nearly 4,000,000 draftees. The intelligence of the men who served their country has been found to be a trifle over thirteen years. "The intellect of Philadelphia must, therefore, be under thirteen years," reasoned Professor Barnes, "because those vigorous men of between eighteen and thirty-five must have stood higher intellectually than the people of Philadelphia."

In this way we derive the psychological reason for the slowness with which reforms are accomplished in Philadelphia," he said. "The composite brain is too feeble to grasp vital facts and to carry out the most necessary communal betterments."

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BLAZING OIL KILLS CHILD; SICK MOTHER TRIES TO AID

Camden Woman in Cooper Hospital Recognizes Agonized Screams—When Little Daughter Is Brought in After Explosion of Kerosene Placed Too Close to Stove

Eleven-year-old Emma Williams, 544 South Broadway, Gloucester, died today in Cooper Hospital, Camden, from burns received when a coal oil can blew up in the kitchen of her home last night, causing a conflagration that spread to adjoining buildings and resulted in a loss of more than \$800.

A tragic scene was enacted in the hospital when the child was brought in. The child's mother, who has been confined in the ward for some months from injuries received at the railroad crossing on Camden and Third streets, heard her agonizing cries and recognized the voice. She arose from her couch and insisted upon caring for her daughter.

The girl, with her brother, thirteen years old; her sister, five years old, and a two-year-old baby, was in the kitchen when the explosion, caused by proximity of the oil can to the stove, occurred. The brother carried the baby and with his younger sister escaped unscathed through the rear door. Emma leaped through the window after her clothes had become ignited.

The fire spread to the junk store next door, operated by the families of William McCormick and Charles True. The Williams home and the junk shop were almost totally destroyed, while extensive damage was done to the other dwelling and the building of the feed company.

SIMS DESCRIBES DEATH AT SEA OF LT. L. G. SMITH Admiral Tells How Philadelphian Was Washed From U. S. S. Yarnall

The manner in which Lieutenant Lewis G. Smith, son of Lewis L. Smith, 1215 Widener Building, met his death by drowning when he was washed overboard from the U. S. S. Yarnall, on January 7, after leaving Lisbon, Portugal, is described by Admiral Sims in a cablegram to the Navy Department, H. A. Arthur, a seaman, of Hannibal, Mo., was drowned at the same time.

According to the message, a large swell was running in the South channel, after the boat left Lisbon for the United States. The ship's speed was reduced to ride the swell.

By this time the forecastle was secured for sea, except the hatch leading to the deckhouse compartment. The dispatch continued. Lieutenant Smith requested permission to go down his hatch, which was considered imperative, and he, Seaman H. G. Linstrom and Arthur proceeded to the forecastle deck, all the others leaving the forecastle.

After three minutes after all the others had left the forecastle, which was about 11:30 p. m., a high wall of water was seen ahead, immediately down on the ship. There was no time to do more than yell "Hold on!" Immediately afterward the sea struck, and where was the deck? The trip was left, except Linstrom, who was carried to the stern of the ship. When it was discovered there were men on the deck, the ship was stopped. The men overboard might be rescued if the sea was not too rough. Search was conducted from 11:30 p. m. to 11:45 p. m.

Lieutenant Smith, who was a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, was a prominent exporter before he entered the service of his country. The family home is on the Valley road, Stratford.

Today's Birthdays Adeline Patti (Baroness Cederstrom), for many years the world's greatest singer, born in Madrid, is seventy-six years old today.

Newcomb Carlton, recently placed in charge of all marine cable systems of the United States, born at Elizabeth, N. J., fifty years old today.

Major General William Crozier, U. S. A., retired, who served as chief of ordnance during the war, born at Burlington, O., is sixty-four years old today.

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LOUIS E. LEVY BURIED

Prominent Jews Attend Funeral of Inventor-Philanthropist

Funeral services for Louis Edward Levy, inventor, philanthropist, scientist and vice president of the Franklin Institute, who died last Sunday night on the street from an attack of apoplexy, were held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from his home, 1424 North Fifteenth street. Interment was in Mt. Sinai Cemetery.

A committee from the Hebrew Sheltering and Immigrant Aid Society, of which Mr. Levy was vice president, came from New York to attend the funeral services. The committee included John L. Bernstein, president of the society; Joseph Eron, Leon Kaminsky, Max Meyererson, A. Rosenblatt, Leon Sanders, Jacob Maseel, Bernard Smetel, Jacob E. Fain and Louis S. Gottlieb, of Washington.

PLANS PORT CONFERENCE Commerce Chamber Invites Aid of Camden, Chester and Wilmington

An invitation will be extended by the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce to Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce in Chester, Camden and Wilmington, to attend a meeting in the interest of advancing the port of Philadelphia, some time in the near future.

Preliminary plans for the meeting have been made by the executive committee of the Chamber, acting on the recommendation of the trade expansion committee, and the members' council advisory committee. The trade expansion committee was authorized to prepare an itinerary for a "trade expansion trip," to be taken next fall through eastern Ohio, parts of the Pittsburgh district, southern Pennsylvania and parts of West Virginia.

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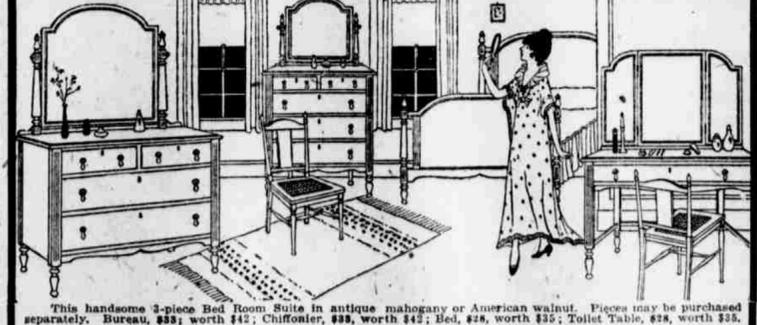
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